

1 gentlemen of the Convention: The Missouri plan which
2 was inaugurated about 27 years ago in Missouri was born of
3 the corruption that existed in Kansas City under the
4 Prendergast machine and from the democratic landslide when
5 Roosevelt was running which carried all the republican
judges in St. Louis out of office.

6 That brought about the reform in the Missouri
7 system. The Missouri system, which is an extension on which
8 the Niles Plan was founded has never been extended in
9 that state beyond the Supreme Court of Missouri and the
Circuit Courts of Kansas City and St. Louis.

10 Now, when my good friend Judge Niles originally
11 proposed this plan, it would have gone no further than this
12 in Maryland. It would have extended only to the appellate
13 court, and would be optional with the other political
14 subdivisions of the state whether they desired to have it
15 or not. I might say that there is no man in this state
16 for whom I hold a warmer personal regard than for
17 Emery Niles and there is no judge in this state that
18 I respect more than Judge Niles who for a quarter of a
19 century graced the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. And
20 it is for the high regard I hold for him and his illus-
21 trious father who lectured at the University of Maryland